

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shimoji et al.
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For : SUTURE REINFORCEMENT
MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC
SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner : Orkin, Alexander J.
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Conf No. : 3870

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2009**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

No amendments are being requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.